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2	ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION		
3	Gallatin County Emergency Telephone) DOCKET NO. System Board) 14-0406		
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5	Petition to Modify 9-1-1 System) Provider for Gallatin County) Emergency Telephone System Board,)		
6	Gallatin County, Illinois.		
7	CONSOLIDATED WITH		
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 JUDGE ALBERS: By the authority vested in me
- 3 by the Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call
- 4 Docket Numbers 14-0406 and 14-0407. These petitions
- 5 concern the modification of the 9-1-1 system for
- 6 Gallatin County and Saline County, respectfully.
- 7 May I have the appearances for the record,
- 8 please?
- 9 MR. CLEMONS: Yes, your Honor. For the
- 10 Petitioners in both of the proceedings involving both
- 11 Gallatin County and Saline County, John R. Clemons,
- 12 attorney for both counties, of the Southern Illinois
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- MR. HIRD: Your Honor, this is Richard W.
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- 21 842 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, Kansas. Telephone is
- (785) 843-0450. And I am counsel for NG-911, Inc.
- MR. KELLY: And this is John Kelly,
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- 5 Illinois Commerce Commission, Matthew L. Harvey, 160
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- 7 60601.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Mr. Ortlieb.
- 9 MR. ORTLIEB: This is Mark Ortlieb,
- 10 O-R-T-L-I-E-B. I am counsel for AT&T Illinois and
- 11 AT&T Mobility. I am at 225 West Randolph Street,
- 12 Suite 2500, Chicago, 60606.
- 13 JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you.
- 14 Are there any others wishing to enter an
- 15 appearance?
- 16 (No response.)
- JUDGE ALBERS: Let the record show no
- 18 response.
- The purpose of today's hearing is to admit
- 20 into evidence, subject to cross, the previously
- 21 submitted testimony in this matter. Before turning
- 22 to our first witness, however, does anyone have any
- 23 preliminary matters they'd like to raise?
- MR. CLEMONS: Nothing from the Petitioners.

- 1 MR. HIRD: Your Honor, this is Richard Hird
- 2 on behalf of NG-911, Inc. If it becomes -- it
- 3 depends on how long Mr. Ortlieb's cross examination
- 4 is of the Applicant's witnesses. But due to the
- 5 delay of starting this proceeding, I have limited
- 6 time with Mr. Ramsey here today. So I am hoping to
- 7 get him on and off.
- 8 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. Is it his schedule or
- 9 your schedule that --
- 10 MR. HIRD: It's his schedule that's the
- 11 problem.
- 12 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. That's fine. Thank
- 13 you.
- If there's nothing else then, we'll go ahead
- 15 and go straight to our first --
- MR. ORTLIEB: Your Honor, just one thing.
- 17 This is Mark Ortlieb.
- I did distribute to the parties my estimates
- 19 for cross. And they were for witnesses, you know,
- 20 15 minutes or less. Except for Mr. Ramsey, I had a
- 21 little bit more for him. Perhaps 30 minutes to
- 22 45 minutes.
- JUDGE ALBERS: All right. We'll try to get
- 24 through that. We'll have him go on the stand first

- 1 then, so to speak.
- We'll go ahead then. And Mr. Hird, would
- 3 you like to call your witness? I will swear him in.
- 4 And I guess I'll go ahead and swear any other
- 5 witnesses who are going to be testifying as well
- 6 today.
- 7 MR. HIRD: Thank you, your Honor. I would
- 8 call Michael Ramsey.
- 9 JUDGE ALBERS: I think we also have
- 10 questions for Ms. Ross, Mr. Galt and Mr. Felty, as
- 11 well, I assume.
- MR. CLEMONS: Yes, your Honor.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Are they available?
- MR. CLEMONS: Yes, your Honor. This is John
- 15 Clemons. I plan on calling Tracy Felty and Steve
- 16 Galt.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Are they listening to us now?
- 18 MR. CLEMONS: They are here in my conference
- 19 room on the speakerphone.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Great. I just wanted to
- 21 swear them in.
- If you could each please stand and raise
- 23 your right hand.
- 24 (Witnesses sworn by Judge.)

- 1 JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you.
- 2 Mr. Hird, if you would like to introduce Mr.
- 3 Ramsey.
- 4 MR. HIRD: Thank you, your Honor.
- 5 * * * * *
- 6 MICHAEL RAMSEY,
- 7 of lawful age, produced, sworn and examined on behalf
- 8 of NG-911, INC., testifies and says:
- 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 10 QUESTIONS BY MR. HIRD:
- 11 Q. Mr. Ramsey, would you please state your name
- 12 for the record?
- 13 A. Michael L. Ramsey.
- Q. What is your business address?
- 15 A. 815 South Highland Street, Williamsburg,
- 16 Iowa, 52361.
- Q. Mr. Ramsey, are you the same person that
- 18 caused Exhibit 1.0, the pre-filed direct testimony of
- 19 Michael J. Ramsey; and Exhibit 1.1, resume of Michael
- J. Ramsey; and NG-911, Inc. Exhibit 2.0 pre-filed
- 21 rebuttal testimony of Michael J. Ramsey to be filed
- on the e-Docket system?
- 23 A. I am, sir.
- Q. And you are, today, appearing for the

- 1 purpose of entering that testimony into evidence.
- 2 Do you understand that?
- 3 A. Yes, I am entering such into evidence.
- 4 Q. Mr. Ramsey, if I ask you the same questions
- 5 today that are set forth in your pre-filed direct and
- 6 rebuttal testimony, would your answers be the same?
- 7 A. They would be the same, indeed.
- 8 MR. HIRD: Your Honor, I would move for the
- 9 admission of NG-911, Inc. Exhibits 1.0, 1.1 and 2.0,
- 10 and would tender Mr. Ramsey for cross examination.
- JUDGE ALBERS: All right. We'll rule on the
- 12 admissibility following the cross examination.
- I believe the only party that has questions
- 14 is AT&T. So Mr. Ortlieb.
- MR. ORTLIEB: Thank you, your Honor.
- 16 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 17 QUESTIONS BY MR. ORTLIEB:
- Q. Good morning, Mr. Ramsey. My name is Mark
- 19 Ortlieb and I am an attorney for AT&T Illinois and
- 20 AT&T Mobility.
- 21 Can you hear me okay?
- 22 A. Yes, sir. Go ahead. I hear you fine, Mr.
- 23 Ortlieb.
- Q. Great. Thank you.

- 1 Did you help prepare the plan narratives for
- both Gallatin and Saline Counties?
- 3 A. I did so, yes, sir.
- 4 Q. And do they differ at all from the plan
- 5 narrative that was submitted on behalf of Jackson
- 6 County in a prior proceeding?
- 7 A. To the extent of individuality and
- 8 implementation, filing implementation test plans,
- 9 they do vary.
- 10 Q. Do they vary in any other way?
- 11 A. No, sir, they don't.
- 12 Q. Has the proposed network changed at all from
- the one described in the Jackson County petition?
- 14 A. No. The prescribed implementation of the
- 15 network is consistent to deliver, as needed, to
- 16 Gallatin and Saline Counties as prescribed in the
- 17 testimony.
- 18 Q. Has there been any change since the Jackson
- 19 County petition was filed to the vendors that are
- 20 involved?
- 21 A. No, sir, there's no changes in the vendors.
- 22 Q. I would like to direct your attention in
- 23 your direct testimony.
- Do you have that in front of you?

- 1 A. I do, sir.
- 2 Q. I direct your attention to line 68.
- 3 A. I have it in front of me, yes.
- 4 Q. There, you discuss NG-911's initial role as
- 5 a vendor and as a project manager, is that correct?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. And I understand that, later on, that role
- 8 has evolved. But could you -- with that as a
- 9 backdrop, can you identify for me the companies or
- 10 the vendors that are involved in the project to
- 11 deploy Next Generation 911 to Gallatin and Saline
- 12 Counties?
- 13 A. Yes, sir. It's NG-911, Inc. It is On
- 14 Point, LLC is project manager, project management.
- 15 It is Assure 911 as our network engineering firm. It
- 16 is HigherGround as our MIS and IP reporting package
- 17 vendor. It is Oracle as our SBC firewall vendor. It
- 18 is Solacom as our CPE IPSR CPE handing out a
- 19 controller. And it is Datamaster as our 911 database
- 20 management for IP LVF/LCRF.
- 21 Q. Thank you for that list.
- What about Clearwave? They appear on some
- of the network diagrams, don't they?
- A. Yes. In completion on the original

- 1 question, Clearwave is acting as our network
- 2 facilitation, our network provider. And BullBerry,
- 3 now Zuercher, is our allied map data GIS provider.
- 4 Q. Thank you. So Clearwave, BullBerry. And
- 5 what about INdigital, are they involved?
- 6 A. INdigital and Frontier are our aggregation
- 7 network provider for 911 landline and wireless.
- 8 Q. Frontier is providing a service called FAS,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. Frontier Aggregation Service, correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. What about INdigital, what are they doing?
- 14 A. INdigital is the provider of choice to
- deliver from Frontier's analog -- (chirping noise).
- 16 INdigital is the network IP provider for the
- 17 FAS element from Frontier.
- 18 Q. From Frontier to what location?
- 19 A. To the IP FAS connection located in
- 20 Carbondale.
- 21 Q. Thank you.
- 22 And does INdigital do anything else?
- 23 A. No, sir, they do not.
- Q. Is an outfit called Aero, A-E-R-O, are they

- 1 involved?
- 2 A. Aero -- correct me if I am wrong, Bart -- I
- 3 am not familiar with Aero, unless it's a network
- 4 provider that was contacted to deliver IP
- 5 connectivity. But to this point, I don't believe
- 6 there is an agreement.
- 7 Q. Thank you. I want to switch now and ask
- 8 some questions related to direct connection.
- 9 And do you agree, Mr. Ramsey, that AT&T does
- 10 have the option to --
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. -- complete 911 calls by a direct
- 13 connection?
- 14 A. Yes, you do have the appropriate option to
- do that within the Gallatin and Saline County, as
- 16 well as the CSI.
- MR. HIRD: Your Honor, this is Richard Hird.
- 18 I want to interject an objection to the extent that
- 19 that question calls for a legal conclusion.
- MR. ORTLIEB: Well, your Honor, I would
- 21 simply respond it's been at issue in the case. It is
- 22 plainly addressed in the plan narratives submitted by
- 23 both counties. And both counties say that direct
- 24 connection is an option. I don't think that's a

- 1 legal conclusion. They say it is part of their plan.
- 2 MR. HIRD: I apologize. The reason for my
- 3 objection was the way that the question was
- 4 formulated.
- 5 The question was: You agree, Mr. Ramsey,
- 6 that AT&T has the option to direct connect.
- 7 That infers that, as a legal matter, it's
- 8 entirely AT&T's option, which it clearly isn't.
- 9 MR. ORTLIEB: Well, if it would help assist,
- 10 your Honor, I can qualify the question so that I am
- 11 not asking for a legal conclusion.
- 12 JUDGE ALBERS: Yeah, why don't you do that.
- Q. (By Mr. Ortlieb) Mr. Ramsey, without
- 14 respect to what any statute or Order might require,
- 15 you agree, do you not, that the plan narratives filed
- 16 in this case state that AT&T has the option to direct
- 17 connect to the data centers?
- 18 A. Yes. Without any conflict to status, there
- is the option available to AT&T and any and all
- 20 others carriers.
- Q. And is it NG-911's position that it agrees?
- 22 And would that aspect of the plan narrative that AT&T
- 23 does have that option to do direct connections?
- A. It does have that option outstanding what

- 1 the final plans today using the FAS interconnection
- 2 agreement.
- 3 Q. I am not talking about -- just for
- 4 definition-sake, FAS is something other than direct
- 5 connection. When I use the term direct connection, I
- 6 am speaking not of FAS, but I am speaking of a
- 7 connection that would be established for the delivery
- 8 -- exclusive delivery of AT&T traffic to the NG-911
- 9 data centers.
- 10 Can we have that understanding for my
- 11 questions?
- 12 A. Yes, that understanding is accepted.
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- So the question then is whether NG-911's
- position in this case is that AT&T does have the
- 16 option -- and I am not talking as a legal matter, but
- just has the option to establish direct connections
- 18 with the NG-911 data centers?
- 19 A. That is correct, you do have the option.
- 20 Q. Thank you. And --
- JUDGE ALBERS: Take a little break here.
- 22 Off the record.
- 23 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE ALBERS: Back on the record.

- 1 Q. (By Mr. Ortlieb) So Mr. Ramsey, I refer you
- 2 now to further along in your direct testimony at
- 3 lines 119 and line 120.
- 4 A. I have that in front of me. Go ahead.
- 5 Q. It says Clearwave has elected to directly
- 6 connect to the two data centers. Is that correct?
- 7 A. That is correct.
- 8 Q. So now, the two data centers in question
- 9 here, first of all, those are your data centers in
- 10 Harrisburg and Murphysboro, correct?
- 11 A. That is correct.
- 12 Q. And what did Clearwave have to do to
- 13 establish those direct connections?
- 14 A. Well, it's part of their network delivery
- 15 scheme. So as the provider of the network, they
- 16 already have direct connect enablement, because of
- 17 the ESInet deliverable to both data centers.
- 18 Q. Does that mean that they have transport that
- 19 runs into each of those data centers?
- 20 A. That is correct.
- Q. And that that transport is terminated at
- 22 some location within the data centers?
- 23 A. That is correct.
- Q. And what type of equipment does that

- 1 transport terminate on?
- 2 A. It's fiber inbound and it transports through
- 3 network devices into the SBCs, Session Border
- 4 Controllers, for a secure network delivery of the
- 5 ESInet.
- 6 Q. And do you know at what capacity or what
- 7 speeds the fiber is configured to transmit?
- 8 A. There's at least 100 meg of transport
- 9 between the two data centers. And for each ESInet
- 10 drop to each one of the dedicated PSAPs, there are
- one 5 megabit pipe from each data center to each PSAP
- 12 making it redundant delivery from the data centers.
- Q. And in the point in the data centers at
- 14 which this fiber is terminated, you call that an SBC,
- 15 correct?
- 16 A. Yes. An SBC is a Session Border Controller.
- 17 Q. And that accepts an IP signal, correct?
- 18 A. Yes, it does, sir.
- 19 Q. And is there just a single SBC in each of
- 20 the two data centers?
- 21 A. No. There's dual redundant SBCs for a total
- 22 of four. Two each at each data center.
- 23 Q. The Clearwave fiber facility in each data
- 24 center really terminates at two different places

- 1 within the data center?
- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. Now, have any other carriers established
- 4 direct connection similar to Clearwave?
- 5 A. No, they have not.
- 6 Q. Has any carrier, other than Illinois,
- 7 expressed an interest in doing so?
- 8 A. There has been outstanding requests from
- 9 AT&T Mobility for direct connects, which they have
- 10 informed Mr. Felty that they are not ready to deliver
- 11 direct connect yet.
- 12 Q. Anyone other than AT&T Mobility?
- 13 A. No, sir, not at this time.
- Q. Now, from a nuts and bolts perspective, what
- would a carrier like AT&T Mobility need to do to
- 16 establish a direct connection with your data centers?
- 17 A. In the respect network would be a local
- 18 exchange or a local taut to deliver into both -- each
- 19 of the data centers through the Session Border
- 20 Controllers and IP deliverable mechanism fiber.
- Q. In that respect, would it look a lot like
- the Clearwave connection we just talked about?
- 23 A. It very well could be, yes.
- Q. Would it have to be at the same capacity as

- 1 the Clearwave fiber facilities?
- 2 A. To keep a robust link and provide
- 3 redundancy, we would sit down and verify that the
- 4 bandwidth deliverable from AT&T would meet or exceed
- 5 the recommended build-outs that have been established
- 6 today.
- 7 Q. So that AT&T Mobility might have the same
- 8 bandwidth capacity as Clearwave, but it could be
- 9 something different?
- 10 A. Yes. It's also based on traffic, that is
- 11 correct.
- 12 Q. Is there any collocation requirement for
- 13 space inside the data center?
- 14 A. No, there is not.
- Q. Would AT&T have to pay any charges to NG-911
- 16 to establish the type of links you've just described?
- 17 A. No, they would not.
- Q. Referring further on in your testimony to
- 19 lines 232 down to 237.
- 20 A. I am there, go ahead.
- 21 Q. And that says that NG-911 will coordinate
- 22 the installation of all network components with
- 23 participating OSPs and/or third party providers who
- 24 may connect its network and transport 911 traffic to

- 1 the system.
- What does that mean?
- 3 A. It simply means that with the communications
- 4 with the perspective PSAP, we would do what we have
- 5 been doing in the past to facilitate proper
- 6 engineering, considerations on traffic, and
- 7 deliverable hardware mechanisms to deliver those
- 8 network components into our local ESInet to provide
- 9 the service by the carriers.
- 10 Q. And that would apply to AT&T Mobility in our
- 11 example, would it not?
- 12 A. Yes, it would, sir.
- 13 Q. In other words, if AT&T Mobility did
- 14 establish a direct connection, then NG-911 would
- 15 coordinate the installation of those network
- 16 components?
- 17 A. Yes. Through the auspicious control of the
- 18 PSAP, yes.
- 19 Q. Thank you.
- Now, getting back to the Jackson County case
- 21 for just a moment.
- Did you receive a copy of the Commission's
- 23 Order in that case?
- 24 A. I did so, yes.

- 1 Q. You don't happen to have a copy with you, do
- 2 you?
- 3 A. No, sir, I do not have that with me.
- Q. Do you recall on -- there was an issue in
- 5 the case dealing with direct connections. Is that --
- A. I am sorry. I don't have it in front of me,
- 7 so I can't comment on that.
- 8 Q. Do you recall that the Order says that the
- 9 Commission expects any direct connection requests by
- 10 an access carrier to be given fair and timely
- 11 consideration?
- 12 A. Without saying -- without making improper
- 13 comments, I would have to, once again, note that it
- 14 is non-visibile judgment call on that. I know that
- 15 there has been conversation. But in direct -- in
- 16 answer to your direct question, I cannot answer that.
- 17 I do not have the document in front of me.
- 18 Q. Let me try it this way.
- 19 If you were to receive a request from a
- 20 carrier, AT&T Mobility could be another carrier.
- 21 What would you consider to be timely consideration on
- 22 behalf of NG-911 for that request?
- 23 A. Pending agent hearing, pending acceptance,
- 24 network engineering plans with the local petitioner,

- 1 I would have to say anywhere from four to eight weeks
- 2 possibility without knowing exactly what the intent
- 3 is or the network application is from each individual
- 4 carrier.
- 5 It can be, and very possibly, a
- 6 time-consuming situation. It depends if all parties
- 7 have the right information and deliverables.
- 8 Q. Did I hear you correctly to say four to
- 9 eight weeks?
- 10 A. It's very possible, yes. It could be
- 11 sooner; could be longer.
- 12 Q. So in other words, 30 to 60 days?
- 13 A. Yes. That's a good estimated professional
- 14 judgment.
- 15 Q. Thank you.
- Now, switching topics again. This has to do
- 17 with a process question.
- There are a total of 16 entities that have
- 19 to file 911 modifications at the Commission, correct?
- 20 A. That is correct. Sixteen agencies, 21
- 21 PSAPs.
- Q. And so far, if my count is correct, there
- 23 have been seven filings?
- A. I believe so.

- 1 Mr. Hird, could you answer that properly?
- 2 Q. I don't want to ask questions of your
- 3 lawyer. Let's just go through them.
- 4 We know Jackson County was filed, correct?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. And Gallatin and Saline are pending here
- 7 today?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 Q. Perry County is filed?
- 10 A. What county?
- 11 Q. Perry.
- 12 A. Perry is, correct.
- Q. Williamson County?
- 14 A. That's correct.
- 15 Q. Union County?
- 16 A. Correct.
- Q. And the City of Marion?
- 18 A. That's correct. It's a total of seven.
- 19 Q. Are there any others that I did not include
- 20 on this list?
- 21 A. At this time, no. I think we're still
- 22 completing other filings.
- Q. Do you know what the schedule is for the
- 24 remaining filings?

- 1 A. I do not.
- Q. Are they filings that NG-911 hopes to have
- 3 completed within the next 60 days?
- 4 MR. HIRD: Your Honor, I am going to object
- 5 to this line of questioning. Mr. Ramsey is not the
- 6 one that is preparing the filings. Those are being
- 7 done by the ETSBs. He's not the person qualified to
- 8 answer these questions. But it's well beyond the
- 9 scope of his direct testimony or rebuttal testimony.
- 10 MR. CLEMONS: And Judge, the Petitioner
- 11 would join in that. This is not an appropriate
- 12 witness with that knowledge.
- MR. ORTLIEB: Well, all counties have
- 14 testified that Mr. Ramsey has participated in the
- development of plan narratives that go with the
- 16 petitions.
- 17 And your Honor, I am not trying to get at
- 18 any privileged information here. I just -- you know,
- 19 everybody at the hearing today is involved in these
- 20 proceedings. We know there are more coming. I am
- 21 just asking a question what we can all expect as an
- 22 industry in the coming few months.
- MR. HIRD: Your Honor, this is Rick Hird
- 24 again. That can be done offline, off the record.

- 1 JUDGE ALBERS: The objection is sustained.
- Q. (By Mr. Ortlieb) Mr. Ramsey, back to
- 3 Jackson County. Now, that plan modification Order
- 4 was approved on June 26th, correct?
- 5 A. Yes, it was.
- Q. And do you know what the implementation
- 7 interval is for Jackson County?
- 8 A. We are looking at completing testing and
- 9 cutting over on September 21st or 22nd, pending any
- 10 and all pretest plans and whatever mechanisms.
- 11 Q. That would be a, roughly, 90-day period from
- 12 Order approval to cutover?
- 13 A. Yes. I believe the final date is
- 14 September 24th. Would make it just a little over
- 15 90 days.
- Q. Do you expect a similar interval for both
- 17 Gallatin and Saline Counties?
- 18 A. It is possible. It may go quicker.
- 19 Q. And then, sir, my last line of questions
- 20 have to do with lines --
- JUDGE ALBERS: Mr. Ramsey, are you on a
- 22 speakerphone.
- MR. RAMSEY: No, sir. I am on a wireless
- 24 headset.

- 1 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. Your voice just sounds
- 2 a little course or gravelly.
- 3 MR. RAMSEY: Okay. Let me move from my
- 4 headset. Stand by.
- 5 Is that better?
- 6 MR. ORTLIEB: That's much better.
- 7 JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you.
- 8 MR. ORTLIEB: Too bad we're doing this at
- 9 the end of your examination.
- 10 Q. (By Mr. Ortlieb) But over at the bottom of
- 11 page 16, top of page 17, are you there?
- 12 A. Beginning at line 318?
- 13 Q. Right.
- 14 A. Yes.
- Q. And there, sir, you talk about additional
- 16 conditions that NG-911 has agreed to as a result of
- 17 the Jackson County docket, correct?
- 18 A. Yes. Those were requested by Staff and was
- 19 approved by our company as well.
- Q. Item B that you refer to on line 323 is
- 21 participation in weekly implementation conference
- 22 calls?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. With all parties?

- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Now, does that include carriers -- access
- 3 carriers whose calls will be affected by the cutover?
- A. At this time, we are witness to what has
- 5 been explained in Item B, but there is no problem to
- 6 add any and all carriers in the event that that
- 7 request is made by the carriers. We have no issues
- 8 with that.
- 9 Q. If AT&T Mobility, for example, wanted to
- 10 participate in weekly implementation conference
- 11 calls, it could do that?
- 12 A. If they -- yes, yes.
- 13 Q. Thank you.
- 14 A. My answer is yes.
- 15 Q. And as to the remainder of the items
- 16 discussed A, C, D and E, any reports that are issued
- 17 pursuant to those items, are those available to be
- 18 looked at by industry?
- 19 A. I would have to refer that question to Judge
- 20 Albers. If there's any restrictions or its open.
- 21 Non-proprietary.
- Q. As a matter of practice, do you know how
- 23 they're being shared today?
- A. They're being shared by our project manager,

- 1 program manager Bart Lovett.
- Q. With Staff only or with other parties?
- 3 A. With those parties that are participating on
- 4 a weekly basis, correct.
- 5 Q. So if one participates in the conference
- 6 calls, then theoretically, there may be access to
- 7 additional reports?
- 8 A. That is correct.
- 9 MR. ORTLIEB: Mr. Ramsey, I have no further
- 10 questions. Thank you very much for your time this
- 11 morning.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Mr. Hird, do you have any
- 13 redirect?
- MR. HIRD: Yes, I do your Honor. It won't
- 15 take me but just a minute.
- 16 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 17 QUESTIONS BY MR. HIRD:
- Q. Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Ortlieb asked you a lot of
- 19 questions about direct connections. And he referred
- 20 repeatedly to whether it was AT&T's option to direct
- 21 connect.
- Do you recall those questions?
- 23 A. I do, sir.
- Q. Is it really AT&T's option entirely to

- 1 direct connect?
- 2 A. No, it is not. The option for direct
- 3 connection is part of the engineering and
- 4 implementation build-out plan with the ETSB and the
- 5 particular petitioner under the Administrative Law
- 6 Statutes that we all subscribe to.
- 7 Q. There was a question that he asked about
- 8 whether AT&T Mobility had requested direct connection
- 9 or you may have inferred that in your answer.
- 10 AT&T Mobility has never requested direct
- 11 connection, have they?
- 12 A. They have never requested it. We made
- 13 contact with AT&T Mobility.
- Q. I want to make sure that the record is clear
- that NG-911, Inc. made the contact with AT&T
- 16 Mobility, is that correct?
- 17 A. That's correct.
- 18 Q. And the response that Mr. Felty got was that
- 19 AT&T Mobility is not ready for direct connection, is
- 20 that correct?
- 21 A. That is correct.
- 22 Q. And that was provided in a data request
- 23 response to AT&T in this matter, wasn't it?
- A. Yes, it was, sir.

- 1 Q. That was in about February of this year,
- 2 correct?
- 3 A. Yes, it was early in the year.
- 4 Q. One other line of questions.
- 5 Mr. Ortlieb was asking you about the time
- 6 for consideration of a request for direct connection.
- 7 And you had mentioned the span of four to eight weeks
- 8 to consider it.
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Do you recall that?
- 11 A. I do, sir.
- 12 Q. You were not committing to any particular
- 13 timeframe for processing a request for direct
- 14 connection, were you?
- 15 A. No. I was just complying that in a normal
- 16 situation, it very possibly could be four to eight
- 17 weeks. It may be shorter; it may be longer.
- MR. HIRD: I have nothing further. Thank
- 19 you.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Any recross, Mr. Ortlieb?
- MR. ORTLIEB: Nothing further, your Honor.
- 23 Thank you.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you.

- 1 Is there any objection then to NG-911
- 2 Exhibits 1, 1.1, or 2?
- 3 MR. ORTLIEB: No objection from AT&T.
- 4 JUDGE ALBERS: Hearing no objection, then
- 5 all three are admitted.
- 6 (NG-911, Inc. Exhibits 1.0, 1.1,
- 7 and 2.0 were admitted into evidence
- 8 at this time.)
- 9 MR. HIRD: Thank you, your Honor.
- 10 Your Honor, may Mr. Ramsey be excused at
- 11 this time?
- 12 JUDGE ALBERS: Yes, if he would like to.
- MR. HIRD: Thank you, your Honor. Thank
- 14 you, Mr. Ramsey.
- 15 THE WITNESS: Thank you all. Appreciate
- 16 your time.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Thank you.
- And our next witness. Is there a preference
- 19 whether we hear from Mr. Galt or Mr. Felty first?
- 20 MR. CLEMONS: Judge, I would go with -- this
- 21 is John Clemons. I would like to call Tracy Felty
- 22 first.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Go ahead.
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- 1 TRACY FELTY,
- of lawful age, produced, sworn and examined on behalf
- 3 of the PETITIONER, testifies and says:
- 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 5 QUESTIONS BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 6 Q. Would you state your name, sir?
- 7 A. Tracy L. Felty, F-E-L-T-Y.
- 8 Q. And Mr. Felty, what is your occupation or
- 9 employment?
- 10 A. I am employed by the County of Saline as the
- 11 911 director.
- 12 Q. What is your business address with that
- 13 organization?
- 14 A. One North Main Street, Harrisburg, Illinois,
- 15 62946.
- Q. Mr. Felty, I'd like to direct your attention
- 17 to June 27, 2014. On that date, did you cause to be
- 18 filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission,
- 19 electronically, at their Springfield offices, a
- 20 document titled Pre-filed Testimony of Lieutenant
- 21 Tracy L. Felty, ENP, which also contained with it a
- 22 verification by you?
- 23 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- Q. And let me again direct your attention to

- 1 another date, August 15, 2014. On that day, did you
- 2 cause me, as your attorney, to file with the Illinois
- 3 Commerce Commission, again electronically, to the ICC
- 4 office in Springfield, Illinois a document labeled
- 5 Pre-filed Rebuttal Testimony of Lieutenant Tracy L.
- 6 Felty? And that also had a verification and included
- 7 two intergovernmental agreements for 911 backup
- 8 services, which I believe were attached as Exhibits A
- 9 and Exhibit B.
- 10 Did you cause that to be filed?
- 11 A. Yes, sir, I did.
- MR. CLEMONS: And your Honor, I would ask
- 13 that these two items be marked as Petitioner
- 14 Exhibit 1.0 for the June 27th exhibit and Petitioners
- 15 Exhibit 2.0 for the August 15th exhibit.
- 16 JUDGE ALBERS: Since we have two petitioners
- in these consolidated dockets, I think we'll call
- 18 them Saline Exhibit 1.0 and Saline Exhibit 2.0.
- MR. CLEMONS: That would be good. Yes.
- 20 Thank you, Judge. Saline 1.0 and Saline 2.0.
- Q. (By Mr. Clemons) Mr. Felty, if I were to
- 22 ask you today, as you sit here under oath at this
- 23 hearing, regarding those documents, Petitioner's
- 24 Exhibit Saline 1.0 and Petitioner's Exhibit Saline

- 1 2.0, would your testimony be the same as contained in
- 2 the pre-filed testimony and the pre-filed rebuttal
- 3 testimony 1.0 and 2.0?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And is that testimony in those documents
- 6 true, correct, and accurate?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And do you have any additions to the
- 9 pre-filed testimony in those exhibits?
- 10 A. Not at this time.
- 11 Q. Any corrections or changes?
- 12 A. None that I am aware of.
- Q. And finally, Mr. Felty, you're familiar with
- 14 the entire Petition to Modify 911 System Provider
- filed in this case in this docket on June 4, 2014?
- 16 A. Yes.
- Q. And you prepared the attachments to that
- 18 petition, did you not?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And those were the plan narrative Exhibits 1
- 21 through 11, and you had an appendix numbered 1
- 22 through 5, correct?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- Q. And are you asking that the Commission

- 1 consider all of those attachments, exhibits, plan
- 2 narratives, and the items contained in the appendix?
- 3 A. Yes, sir.
- 4 MR. CLEMONS: Your Honor, I have no further
- 5 direct testimony for this witness.
- 6 JUDGE ALBERS: All right.
- 7 MR. CLEMONS: I am asking that those
- 8 exhibits, as we identified, be admitted.
- 9 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. We'll rule on the
- 10 admissibility following the cross examination. And I
- 11 think Mr. Ortlieb is the only one with any questions
- 12 for Mr. Felty.
- 13 Is your witness tendered for cross?
- MR. CLEMONS: Yes.
- MR. ORTLIEB: Thank you.
- 16 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 17 QUESTIONS BY MR. ORTLIEB:
- Q. Lieutenant Felty, my name is Mark Ortlieb.
- 19 I'm an attorney for AT&T. I have a few questions for
- 20 you this morning.
- 21 Can you hear me okay?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Thank you.
- On page 10 of the plan narrative, Section

- 1 2.2, do you have that in front of you?
- 2 A. I am getting it, sir.
- 3 MR. CLEMONS: If you would give us a moment,
- 4 your Honor, we're looking through it.
- 5 MR. FELTY: Okay.
- 6 Q. (By Mr. Ortlieb) This is just to give you a
- 7 frame of reference. About two-thirds of the way
- 8 down, at the end of the Clearwave section, the
- 9 document states that access carriers have the option
- 10 to complete 911 calls by a FAS Clearwave or direct
- 11 connect.
- Do you see that language?
- 13 A. Yes, I see that.
- Q. And that third option, can you explain what
- 15 you have in mind when you say direct connect?
- 16 A. Well, I would have to defer that to the
- 17 NG-911, Inc. on networking questions.
- 18 Q. Is it your understanding that what that
- 19 refers to are direct connections to the NG-911 data
- 20 centers?
- 21 A. I believe so, yes.
- MR. HIRD: Your Honor, I am going to object
- 23 to this line of questioning on the narrative to the
- 24 extent that it was adopted by Mr. Ramsey as part of

- 1 his testimony with the exception, I believe, of 2.14.
- 2 But the remainder of the narrative was actually
- 3 adopted and sponsored by Mr. Ramsey, not Mr. Felty.
- 4 MR. ORTLIEB: Your Honor, that is a very odd
- 5 objection. Because I am looking at Mr. Felty's
- 6 testimony on page two. He says that the purpose of
- 7 his testimony is to declare that the narrative and
- 8 its contents are true and to stand for testimony
- 9 regarding such.
- 10 So I am not wandering away from his
- 11 testimony.
- 12 JUDGE ALBERS: All right. I'll allow the
- 13 question. And Lieutenant Felty can answer to the
- 14 extent that he knows the answer.
- MR. FELTY: You are going to have to repeat
- 16 the question, sir.
- Q. (By Mr. Ortlieb) Is it your understanding
- 18 that the direct connection referred to on page 10 are
- 19 direct connections to the NG-911 data centers in
- 20 Harrisburg and Murphysboro?
- 21 A. That is my understanding, yes.
- 22 Q. And an access carrier -- AT&T Mobility would
- 23 be an access carrier, would it not?
- A. T Mobility?

- 1 Q. AT&T Mobility would be one of the access
- 2 carriers that is referred to in that sentence we were
- 3 discussing?
- 4 A. It's a possibility, yes.
- 5 Q. Do you know, Lieutenant Felty, what AT&T
- 6 would have to do to make these direct connections
- 7 happen?
- 8 A. Again, I would defer to my SSB provider,
- 9 NG-911, Inc., about connectivity issues.
- 10 Q. You don't have any technical perspective or
- 11 technical background on direct connections?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- Q. Would -- since it's listed -- since direct
- 14 connection is listed as an option in Saline County's
- 15 plan narrative, is it fair to say that Saline County
- 16 supports direct connections as an option for access
- 17 carriers?
- 18 A. Yes. We have been supportive of direct
- 19 connections.
- Q. So that if AT&T Mobility wanted to pursue
- 21 direct connections, would Saline County cooperate
- 22 with that request to make it happen?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Lieutenant, let me switch just real briefly

- 1 to your rebuttal testimony. And on line 31 and 32,
- 2 there's some discussion of a Johnson County filing.
- 3 Do you see that portion of your testimony?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Did Johnson County, in fact, file a plan on
- 6 August 18th?
- 7 A. That, I am not aware of.
- 8 Q. Do you know whether or not that filing has
- 9 been delayed?
- 10 A. That, I am not aware of. It's not my
- 11 county.
- 12 Q. And then the final line of questioning I
- 13 have for you relates to page 28 of your plan
- 14 narrative. And this refers, once again, to those
- 15 five new conditions that have been added.
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. Am I correct that by including those
- 18 conditions in the plan narratives, Saline County is
- 19 supporting and agreeing to cooperate in getting those
- 20 five things done?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And does Saline County have any objection to
- 23 the participation of AT&T Mobility or AT&T Illinois
- 24 in weekly implementation conference calls should they

- 1 make that request?
- 2 A. I see none.
- 3 MR. ORTLIEB: All right. Thank you very
- 4 much, Lieutenant. I have no further questions.
- 5 MR. CLEMONS: Judge, John Clemons again.
- I would now offer what we have marked as
- 7 Saline County Petitioner's Exhibit 1.0 and 2.0.
- 8 JUDGE ALBERS: All right. And you have no
- 9 redirect?
- 10 MR. CLEMONS: I have no redirect. That's
- 11 why I am making the offer.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Any objection then to these
- 13 exhibits?
- MR. ORTLIEB: No objection from AT&T.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Saline Exhibits 1.0 and 2.0,
- 16 Attachments A and B are admitted.
- 17 (Saline Exhibits 1.0 and 2.0,
- 18 Attachments A and B were admitted
- into evidence at this time.)
- JUDGE ALBERS: All right. Thank you,
- 21 Lieutenant.
- Mr. Clemons.
- MR. CLEMONS: Judge, John Clemons again.
- I would like to go forward with calling

- 1 Steven J. Galt.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Please do.
- 3 MR. CLEMONS: Thank you.
- 4 * * * * *
- 5 STEVE GALT,
- of lawful age, produced, sworn and examined on behalf
- 7 of the PETITIONERS, testifies and says:
- 8 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 9 QUESTIONS BY MR. CLEMONS:
- 10 Q. Sir, would you state your name?
- 11 A. Steve J. Galt, G-A-L-T.
- 12 Q. And Mr. Galt, what is your occupation or
- 13 employer?
- 14 A. Gallatin County Emergency Telephone Systems
- 15 Board.
- Q. And what is your business address?
- 17 A. 9200 Duncan Lane, Shawneetown, Illinois,
- 18 62984.
- 19 Q. Mr. Galt, I'd like to direct your attention
- 20 to June 27, 2014. On that date, did you cause to be
- 21 filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission,
- 22 electronically, a document that was titled Pre-filed
- 23 Testimony of Steve J. Galt?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.

- Q. And did you also direct on August 15, 2014,
- 2 to be filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission,
- 3 electronically, to their Springfield office, a second
- 4 document which was titled Pre-filed Rebuttal
- 5 Testimony of Steven J. Galt?
- 6 A. Yes, I did.
- 7 Q. And your Honor, if I can mark those two
- 8 documents. At this time, we would call them Gallatin
- 9 County 1.0 and Gallatin County 2.0.
- 10 JUDGE ALBERS: All right.
- 11 Q. (By Mr. Clemons) Mr. Galt, if I were to ask
- 12 you about these two documents, these two exhibits,
- 13 Gallatin 1.0 and Gallatin 2.0, as you sit here today
- 14 under oath regarding those documents, would your
- 15 testimony be the same as contained in these pre-filed
- 16 testimony documents?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And is that testimony contained in those
- 19 documents, now Exhibits 1.0 and 2.0, true, correct,
- 20 and accurate?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. And do you have any additions to the
- 23 pre-filed testimony in those documents, Exhibits 1.0,
- 24 2.0?

- 1 A. No, sir.
- 2 Q. Any corrections to them?
- 3 A. No, sir.
- Q. And Mr. Galt, you're familiar with your
- 5 Petition to Modify 911 System Provider also filed in
- 6 this consolidated docket on June 4, 2014?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. And that filing contained a plan narrative,
- 9 various attachments, various exhibits. I believe,
- 10 your exhibits were 1 through 11 following the plan
- 11 narrative, and I believe you had an appendix marked 1
- 12 through 6, correct?
- 13 A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And are you asking in your testimony here
- today that those be considered along with your
- 16 petition?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- MR. CLEMONS: No further questions of Mr.
- 19 Galt, your Honor.
- JUDGE ALBERS: All right. We'll rule on the
- 21 admissibility following cross examination.
- 22 And again, Mr. Ortlieb, I think you're the
- 23 only party with questions, so please proceed.
- MR. ORTLIEB: Thank you, your Honor, Mr.

- 1 Galt.
- 2 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 3 QUESTIONS BY MR. ORTLIEB:
- 4 Q. Good morning. My name is Mark Ortlieb
- 5 representing AT&T.
- 6 Can you hear me okay?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. Thank you.
- 9 Let's, as we did with Lieutenant Felty,
- 10 let's start with the plan narrative. If you have
- 11 that in front of you, could you turn to page 11,
- 12 please?
- 13 A. Okay.
- Q. And Gallatin County makes the same
- 15 representation concerning direct connection, does it
- 16 not? Do you see the words about one-third of the way
- 17 down the page?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Where it says that Gallatin County is now
- 20 saying that access carriers have the option to direct
- 21 connect, is that correct?
- 22 A. Right.
- Q. So that is it your understanding that this
- 24 means that AT&T Mobility, for example, could

- 1 establish direct connections to the two NG-911 data
- 2 centers, the one in Murphysboro and the other one in
- 3 Harrisburg?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Do you know what would have to be done from
- 6 a technical perspective in order to make that happen?
- 7 A. No, sir, I do not.
- 8 Q. If AT&T Mobility were to make such a
- 9 request, would Gallatin County support that request?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. And would Gallatin County cooperate to make
- 12 that happen?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. On page 28 of the plan narrative, once
- 15 again, we're talking about the five new commitments
- 16 to assist in implementation.
- Do you see where you have put those in the
- 18 plan narrative?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And will AT&T Mobility, if it desires to
- 21 attend the weekly implementation conference calls for
- 22 Gallatin county, would AT&T Mobility be able to do
- 23 that?
- 24 A. Yes, I assume so.

- 1 Q. And would AT&T Mobility be able to receive
- 2 whatever information is made available to other
- 3 carriers in the course of those implementation
- 4 efforts?
- 5 A. Yes, I assume so.
- 6 MR. ORTLIEB: Thank you very much, Mr. Galt.
- 7 I have no further questions.
- 3 JUDGE ALBERS: Any redirect?
- 9 MR. CLEMONS: No redirect of Mr. Galt by the
- 10 Petitioner, your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE ALBERS: Any objection to the
- 12 admission of Gallatin Exhibits 1.0 or 2.0?
- MR. ORTLIEB: No objection from AT&T.
- MR. HIRD: No objection from NG-911, Inc.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Hearing no objection, then
- 16 Gallatin Exhibit 1.0, 2.0, and Attachment A to 2.0
- 17 are admitted.
- 18 (Gallatin Exhibit 1.0, 2.0,
- 19 Attachment A to 2.0 were admitted
- into evidence at this time.)
- JUDGE ALBERS: All right. I think the only
- 22 party left then with a witness, or witnesses, is
- 23 Staff. So Mr. Harvey.
- MR. HARVEY: Yes, your Honor. Staff first

- 1 calls Stacy Ross.
- JUDGE ALBERS: She is here.
- 3 MR. HARVEY: Wonderful.
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- 5 STACY ROSS,
- of lawful age, produced, sworn and examined on behalf
- 7 of STAFF, testifies and says:
- 8 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 9 QUESTIONS BY MR. HARVEY:
- 10 Q. Ms. Ross, would you state your name, please,
- 11 and spell it for the record?
- 12 A. Stacy, S-T-A-C-Y, Ross, R-O-S-S.
- Q. Would you give your employment and the
- 14 nature of it?
- 15 A. Could you repeat that?
- 16 Q. I am sorry.
- 17 Are you employed; and if so, how?
- 18 A. I am a 911 program analyst with the Illinois
- 19 Commerce Commission in the Safety and Reliability
- 20 Division.
- 21 Q. Thank you.
- Now, do you have in front of you a document
- 23 that has been marked as Staff Exhibit 1.0 in this
- 24 proceeding?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. And referring to that document, does it
- 3 consist of a cover page and 10 pages of text in
- 4 question and answer format?
- 5 A. Yes, it does.
- Q. And is that your direct testimony in this
- 7 proceeding?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And was it prepared by you or at your
- 10 direction?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. If I were to ask you the questions that are
- 13 set forth in that Exhibit 1.0 today, would your
- 14 answers be the same as they were when it was filed on
- 15 e-Docket?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Are each of those answers true and correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- MR. HARVEY: Your Honor, with that, I will
- 20 request admission -- or move for admission of Staff
- 21 Exhibit 1.0 into evidence and tender Ms. Ross for
- 22 cross examination.
- JUDGE ALBERS: All right. We'll rule on the
- 24 admissibility following any questions.

- 1 Mr. Ortlieb, did you have questions for
- 2 Mr. Ross?
- 3 MR. ORTLIEB: Just very few, your Honor.
- 4 Thank you.
- 5 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 6 QUESTIONS BY MR. ORTLIEB:
- 7 Q. Ms. Ross, this is Mark Ortlieb and I
- 8 represent AT&T in this proceeding.
- 9 Can you hear me?
- 10 A. Yes, I can.
- 11 Q. Thank you very much.
- I have just a very few questions for you.
- 13 And I'd like to start by directing you to line 141 of
- 14 your testimony.
- 15 A. Okay.
- Q. And in this portion of your testimony, you
- 17 state that direct connection to the 911 system
- 18 providers data centers is an option made available in
- 19 both of the plan narratives we have been talking
- 20 about today, is that correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- Q. Are you aware of anything in the plan
- 23 narrative or in the testimony that describes in any
- 24 detail how such a direct connection would take place?

- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. So is it your understanding that that is
- 3 something that would have to be developed?
- 4 A. I would assume.
- 5 Q. Does Staff have any objection to the option
- of direct connection that is being offered by parties
- 7 to this proceeding?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. And in future filings that may be made by
- 10 other counties, do you see any reason why plan
- 11 narratives could not provide a bit of additional
- 12 detail on how a direct connection would take place?
- 13 A. That would be up to the petitioners making
- 14 the filing.
- Q. I want to switch your attention just briefly
- 16 to on page nine. There is a sentence that begins on
- 17 line 183, that says: Additionally, it is my opinion
- 18 that it will be extremely important for Commission
- 19 Staff to monitor the progress of new NG-911 systems
- 20 in Illinois to ensure a smooth transmission back and
- 21 forth between Legacy and NG-911 networks.
- 22 Could you explain in a little more detail
- 23 what you have in mind by the transition back and
- 24 forth?

- 1 A. I think that just has to do with when we're
- 2 listening in on implementation calls, we want to make
- 3 sure that there's smooth communication back and forth
- 4 between the two, and between the different parties
- 5 during the transition period.
- 6 Q. Thank you.
- 7 And in terms of implementation, further down
- 8 the page, there appear, again, the five additional
- 9 conditions that Staff has recommended.
- 10 Do you see those?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. On page nine.
- And does Staff have any objection if AT&T
- 14 Mobility, for example, were to participate in the
- 15 weekly implementation conference calls with respect
- 16 to Saline and Gallatin Counties?
- 17 A. No, we wouldn't object to that.
- Q. And the reports that are referred to in Item
- 19 1 and the schedule referred to in Item 3, and the
- 20 traffic studies in Item 4, and trouble reporting in
- 21 Item 5, are those reports or is that information that
- 22 would be shared with the participants in the weekly
- 23 conference calls, such as AT&T Mobility?
- A. It would be.

- 1 MR. ORTLIEB: Thank you very much, Ms. Ross,
- 2 I have no further questions.
- 3 JUDGE ALBERS: I just have one question for
- 4 you.
- 5 EXAMINATION
- 6 QUESTIONS BY JUDGE ALBERS:
- 7 Q. Does the rebuttal testimony from the
- 8 Petitioners and NG-911 resolve the concerns you raise
- 9 in your testimony?
- 10 A. Yes, it does.
- 11 JUDGE ALBERS: All right. Thank you.
- Mr. Harvey, do you have any redirect?
- MR. HARVEY: None, your Honor.
- We would move for the admission of Staff
- 15 Exhibit 1.0 into evidence.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Any objection?
- 17 MR. ORTLIEB: No objection from AT&T.
- 18 MR. CLEMONS: No objection from Petitioner.
- MR. HIRD: No objection from NG-911, Inc.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Hearing no objection, Staff
- 21 Exhibit 1 is admitted.
- 22 (Staff Exhibit 1 was admitted into
- evidence at this time.)
- JUDGE ALBERS: We had Mr. Murray's

- 1 testimony. And I received an affidavit for that
- 2 earlier today.
- 3 MR. HIRD: Your Honor, this is Rick Hird. I
- 4 need to step away from the phone for just a moment
- 5 while Mr. Harvey is introducing Mr. Murray's
- 6 testimony.
- JUDGE ALBERS: All right.
- 8 MR. HIRD: Is that okay?
- 9 JUDGE ALBERS: Sure.
- 10 MR. HIRD: I will be right back.
- MR. HARVEY: Thank you, your Honor.
- While I understand Mr. Murray is present in
- open court today, there was some concern that he
- 14 might be unable to be yesterday. Nobody had any
- 15 questions for him. I took the liberty of filing an
- 16 affidavit in support of his direct testimony.
- 17 His direct testimony was filed on August 1.
- 18 It consists of six pages of text in question and
- 19 answer format. It is supported by an affidavit,
- 20 Staff Exhibit 3.0, swearing to the truth and accuracy
- 21 of the matters set forth in Staff Exhibit 2.0, that
- 22 being his direct testimony.
- 23 And I would move for the admission of both
- 24 of those items into evidence at this time.

- 1 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay. Any objection?
- 2 MR. ORTLIEB: None from AT&T.
- 3 MR. CLEMONS: No objection from Petitioner.
- 4 JUDGE ALBERS: All right. Then Staff
- 5 Exhibits 2 and 3 are admitted.
- 6 (Staff Exhibits 2.0 and 3.0 were
- 7 admitted into evidence at this
- 8 time.)
- 9 JUDGE ALBERS: I think that takes care of
- 10 all of our witnesses.
- 11 Turning then to the rest of the schedule in
- 12 this case, does anyone feel inclined to file any kind
- 13 of brief?
- MR. CLEMONS: Your Honor, this is John
- 15 Clemons for Petitioner. We don't believe there are
- 16 any significant disputes given the testimony today
- and the sum total of the pre-filed testimonies we
- 18 have all reviewed prior to today that would
- 19 necessitate any briefing.
- JUDGE ALBERS: All right.
- 21 Well, Mr. Ortlieb, do you concur?
- 22 MR. ORTLIEB: I had not anticipated that
- 23 question, your Honor. But if nobody else is filing a
- 24 brief, I think AT&T will also take a pass.

- 1 JUDGE ALBERS: All right.
- 2 MR. HIRD: NG-911, Inc. will not be filing a
- 3 brief.
- 4 JUDGE ALBERS: All right.
- 5 MR. HARVEY: If I can ask my clients in
- 6 Springfield if they're comfortable with that
- 7 approach.
- 8 MS. ROSS: Yeah, we're okay with it.
- 9 JUDGE ALBERS: Yes. They're all shaking
- 10 their head yes. That's fine.
- 11 My other question then, does anyone have any
- 12 objection then to -- well, does anyone have any
- objection to the requested relief?
- 14 And Mr Ortlieb, I'm looking to you.
- MR. ORTLIEB: I would not state an objection
- on the record. We have a position of neutrality.
- 17 JUDGE ALBERS: Okay.
- Does anyone object to five years of
- 19 confidential treatment for Exhibit 7 and 11 attached
- 20 to each petition?
- 21 (No response.)
- JUDGE ALBERS: I'll take the silence as no.
- So I don't imagine I will see any need for a
- 24 Proposed Order then.

- 1 And I am sorry, one other final housekeeping
- 2 question. Were there any other exhibits for which
- 3 confidential treatment was being sought?
- 4 MR. CLEMONS: This is Petitioner -- for
- 5 Petitioner, John Clemons. I don't believe so, your
- 6 Honor, other than 7 and 11 exhibits.
- JUDGE ALBERS: Yeah, those are the only ones
- 8 I was aware of. I just wanted to check. All right.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 All right. I don't have anything else.
- 11 Anyone have any other questions or comments before we
- 12 conclude?
- MR. ORTLIEB: Nothing from AT&T.
- MR. CLEMONS: Your Honor, John Clemons.
- 15 Would the Court then be preparing an Order on this --
- JUDGE ALBERS: Yes.
- MR. CLEMONS: -- at some point?
- We're just trying to get an idea for our
- 19 cutover situation.
- JUDGE ALBERS: I have some time here in the
- 21 next few days. I will probably work on it then and
- 22 try to get it on -- since there's no more Commission
- 23 sessions in August, and it's too late to get anything
- on the September 3rd meeting, and the next meeting is

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1 September 18th. So I can try to shoot for that.
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           MR. CLEMONS: That would be wonderful, your
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    Honor. Thank you.
           JUDGE ALBERS: All right.
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           All right. If there's nothing further then,
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    thank you all. And we'll mark the record heard and
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